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1. SUMMARY. THERE WERE 14 MURDERS DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1, 1980, AND THE SECURITY FORCES KILLED FOUR. A PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) CANDIDATE WAS FINED FOR CARRYING AN UNLICENSED GUN; TWO GUNMEN IN TWO HOSPITALS WERE FREED BY GUN-TOTING ACCOMPLICES; AND THE SUPPRESSION OF CRIMES ACT WAS EXTENDED FOR 42 DAYS, UNTIL NOVEMBER 11,(REFTEL). WORKERS' PARTY OF JAMAICA GENERAL SECRETARY TREVOR MUNROE CONTINUES HIS CHARGES THAT THE MILITARY IS PLANNING A COUP. END SUMMARY.

2. INCIDENT BREAKDOWN, SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1, 1980:

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| A. TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED MURDERS | 14 |
| B. SUSPECTED POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED MURDERS | 1 |
| C. SUSPECTED CRIMINALLY-MOTIVATED MURDERS | 1 |
| D. MURDERS OF UNKNOWN MOTIVATION | 12 |
| E. PERSONS KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES | 4 |

THESE STATISTICS ARE FROM THE DAILY GLEANER, WHICH REPORTS INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE INFORMATION CENTER (PIC).

3. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS:

A. PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE INCUMBENT M.P. FROM EAST RURAL ST. ANDREW, ROY MCGANN, WAS FINED $J150 ON SEPTEMBER 25 FOR BREACH OF THE FIREARMS ACT. MCGANN HAD BEEN UNABLE TO PRODUCE A CURRENT LICENSE FOR HIS GUN WHEN HE WAS STOPPED BY SECURITY FORCES EARLIER THIS YEAR. NOTING THAT MCGANN HAD POSSESSED A GUN LICENSE FOR OVER 20 YEARS, THE JUDGE ADMONISHED HIM FOR ALLOWING IT TO LAPSE.

B. ON SEPTEMBER 28, FIVE MEN ALLEGEDLY ARMED WITH SUB-

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MACHINE GUNS INVADED A WARD AT THE KINGSTON PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND FREED A GUNMAN WHO WAS BEING TREATED FOR GUNSHOT WOUNDS. HOLDING A DOCTOR AND NURSES AT BAY, THE INVADERS CUT THE HANDCUFFS OFF THE PATIENT AND CARRIED HIM TO A WAITING CAR. LATER THAT DAY ANOTHER PRISONER ESCAPED WITH THE AID OF ARMED COHORTS WHILE HE WAS BEING ESCORTED TO THE NATIONAL CHEST HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT.

C. ON SEPTEMBER 30 PARLIAMENT EXTENDED THE SUPPRESSION OF CRIMES (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT FOR 42 DAYS, UNTIL NOVEMBER 11. THE DEBATE WAS NOTABLE FOR THE ABSENCE OF ANY VITUPERATIVE ATTACKS AGAINST THE SECURITY FORCES

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WHICH HAD OCCURRED IN PREVIOUS DEBATES. THE MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF THE PNP, WHO HAD LED THE VERBAL ASSAULT AGAINST THE SECURITY FORCES, WERE NOT EVEN PRESENT DURING THIS LATEST DEBATE.

D. TREVOR MUNROE, LEADER OF THE COMMUNIST WORKERS' PARTY OF JAMAICA, CONTINUED HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SECURITY FORCES IN A SERIES OF "RED ALERT" MEETINGS. HE CHARGED THAT REACTIONARIES WERE USING TERRORIST VIOLENCE AS PART OF A PLAN TO KEEP THE MILITARY ON THE STREETS TO FACILITATE A COUP. HE WARNED THAT THERE WOULD BE A REVOLUTION IN JAMAICA IF A COUP WERE ATTEMPTED.

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